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1. Czechoslovakia has made an additional Italian purchase of 25,000 tons of cast iron for the nationalized Kovo Plant. This cast iron is of charcoal pig iron quality and of Swedish make. The price is 45 Italian lire per kilogram.
2. The iron had been imported from Sweden for the Italian O.T.O. Shipyards, which rejected it because of high sulphur (1.5 percent) and manganese (1.2 percent) content.
3. The iron soon will be shipped by rail to Czechoslovakia. The quoted price includes shipment to Tarvisio, on the Italian border.

Comment: This Italian offer, which followed a Czechoslovakian bid for cast iron scrap, was shown in a previous report as cast iron [REDACTED]. It is more probable that it is Swedish charcoal pig iron, although the impurities mentioned, especially the high sulphur content, seem to be inappropriate for this kind of pig iron. It may possibly be silicon, instead of sulphur.

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